

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re

U.S. Application of: Hiroyuki OKADA  
For: ACTUATOR AND DRIVING APPARATUS  
THEREOF (being amended herein to  
**PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR**)

Confirmation No.: To Be Assigned  
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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The following is a preliminary amendment that is being submitted concurrently  
with the filing of a Divisional Application.

Attorney Docket No.: 15162/01321  
Preliminary Amendment Accompanying  
Divisional Utility Application of Co-Pending  
U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/456,184  
Dated October 31, 2003

**Amendment to the Title** appears on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** appear on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Comments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

Prior to the examination of the above-identified divisional application, filed concurrently herewith, please amend the application as follows:

**AMENDMENT TO THE TITLE:**

Please amend the title as follows:

**PIEZOELECTRIC ACTUATOR AND DRIVING APPARATUS THEREOF**